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Regulation Review Committee
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), I submit for your consideration and approval the enclosed regulations entitled "State Traffic Administration".

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to conform the current State Traffic Administration regulations with the most recent version of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) developed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

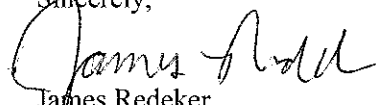
The MUTCD was developed by FHWA as a guideline to obtain basic uniformity of traffic control devices used to regulate, warn, or guide traffic on public highways. Federal regulations dictate that the MUTCD shall be recognized as the National standard for all traffic control devices installed on any street, highway, bikeway, or private road open to public travel. The U.S. Secretary of Transportation, under authority granted by the Highway Safety Act of 1966, decreed that traffic control devices on all streets and highways open to public travel in each State shall be in substantial conformance with the standards issued or endorsed by FHWA.

CGS, Section 14-298 requires that, for the purpose of standardization and uniformity, the Office of the State Traffic Administration (formerly the State Traffic Commission) adopt regulations establishing a uniform system of traffic control signals, devices, signs and markings for use upon the public highways. The regulations were developed based on the standards contained in the MUTCD and have routinely been updated over the years to, at a minimum, conform with the most recent version of the MUTCD. The regulations have, in effect, been Connecticut's MUTCD. Current Federal regulations require that states with their own MUTCD's shall revise same to be in substantial conformance with the 2009 National MUTCD by January 2012. Adoption of the relevant sections of the 2009 National MUTCD relating to signs, signals, markings, construction/maintenance/incident management, and at-grade railroad crossings will assure conformance with this federal requirement and simplify any future revision of the regulations to conform with future versions of the National MUTCD.

If there are any questions regarding this request, please contact Ms. Pamela Sucato, Legislative Program Manager for the Department of Transportation, at 860-594-3013.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


James Redeker
Commissioner

Enclosure

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